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Timely Tidbits ...

Free Tickets

The Romulus Recreation Department is giving away a number of free tickets to the November 7 "Detroit Rockers" soccer game at Joe Louis Arena (while supplies last). Call 942-6852.

Bazaar/Luncheon

The Community United Methodist Church will host its annual Bazaar and "Hot Chicken Salad" Luncheon at the Church (11160 Olive Street) on Friday, November 13. The bazaar, which will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., will feature craft items, homemade baked goods, and attic treasures. Tickets for the luncheon – set for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. – are \$7 each.

For more information, call the Church: 941-0736.

City/School Auction

Vehicles, office equipment, and miscellaneous items such as bikes, stereos, and even Christmas decorations will be up for grabs at a City of Romulus/Romulus Community Schools auction, to be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 7, at the City's DPW yard (34100 Goddard between Wayne and Middlebelt roads). Potential bidders can preview the sale's items beginning at 9 a.m.

Classes to Start

Romulus/Van Buren Adult Education is now accepting registrations for GED preparation and nurse-aide classes which are set to begin later this month. Classes are free to adults age 20 and over (as of September 1, 1998) who do not have a high-school diploma; tuition for all others is \$250 for the GED; \$375 for nurse-aide classes.

The 10-week GED program will start the week of November 16, and will be offered at locations in Romulus, Belleville, and Sumpster Township. The seven-week nurse-aide program will meet Monday through Thursday from 6 to 10 p.m. at Romulus High School beginning November 9.

For more information, please call 734-941-0610. □

Romulus Voters Bucked Overall Trends in Gubernatorial, State Senate Races

By Kristi Stephens

Romulus voters found themselves opposed to the overall majority in a number of Tuesday's ballot issues, including the State's gubernatorial race and the battle for Michigan's eighth Senate district.

Although Republican Governor John Engler ended up winning an easy victory over Democratic challenger Geoffrey Fieger, things would have been drastically different if the vote had been limited to Romulus residents, who chose Fieger over Engler by a 3,484-2,198 margin. And Republican Senator Loren Bennett, who managed to defeat Democratic opponent Ken Warfield by only a few percentage points, was clearly *not* the candidate of choice in Romulus, where he received only 2,017 votes to Warfield's 3,512.

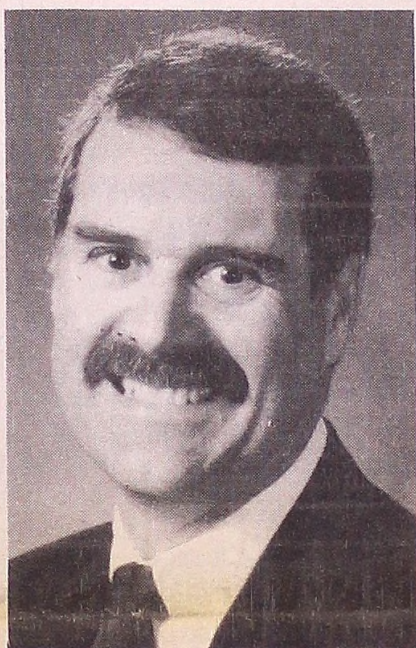
Local voters also found themselves at odds with the overall majority when it came to two Wayne County measures, voting 2,459-2,095 against the ultimately successful "tax allocation" proposal, and voting 2,673-2,376 in favor of a Wayne County Community College millage proposal, which was defeated.

One of the most hotly contested races facing area voters was between two attorneys seeking a seat on the bench of the 34th District Court. Here, Romulus voters found themselves in accord with the residents of Belleville, Huron Township, Sumpster Township, and Van Buren Township, supporting candidate Brian A. Oakley over his opponent, Norman C. Kohlstrand, by a margin of 3,266 votes to 1,644.

"I can't tell you how happy – and humble – I feel right now," said the victorious Oakley. "I couldn't have won this election without a lot of hard work from my many supporters. I was touched and amazed by the number of people who gave me not just their vote, but their precious time – volunteering at fundraisers, making phone calls, campaigning door-to-door, putting up signs, and working the polls. These people believe in my honesty, my integrity, and my goals; they believe that I am the best man for the job.

"I'm looking forward to taking up my new position and proving that their trust was well-placed."

Other races in which the local vote reflected the overall outcome were:



Senator Loren Bennett did not receive the support of a majority of Romulus voters.



Newly elected 34th District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley is grateful for the support he received.

- Secretary of State (incumbent Republican Candice Miller received 2,879 votes in Romulus, compared to her biggest opponent, Democrat Mary Lou Parks, who got 2,675);

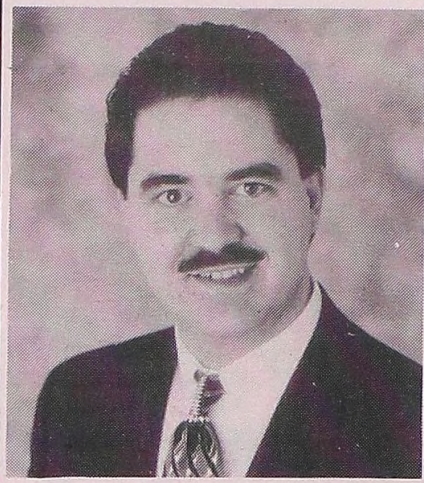
- Attorney General (3,963 votes for Democrat Jennifer Granholm; 1,605 for her opponent, Republican John Smietanka);

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Swain Is Capitol Scholar



State Representative Ray Basham invited students (from left) James Krajewski (Taylor Kennedy High School), T'rone McDonald (Taylor Truman High School), and Rebecca Swain (Romulus High School) to spend a day with him in Lansing on Tuesday, October 6, to get a firsthand lesson in State government through the Capitol Scholars Program.



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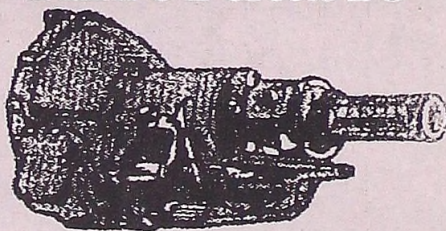
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Apple Awards Acknowledge Educational Excellence

Thirteen staff members from Halecreek and Merriman Elementary School were among 52 Romulus Community Schools employees who received the District's distinguished Apple Achievement Award for dedication and outstanding achievement in education. Other Apple Award recipients will be acknowledged in future issues.



Gail Perkins, Halecreek.



Fran Elser, Halecreek.



Sandra Slater, Halecreek.



Roxanne Kucharski, Halecreek.



Kristen Fuss, Halecreek.



Laurie Berlinn, Halecreek.



Gail Thompkins, Halecreek.



Gina Carter, Merriman.



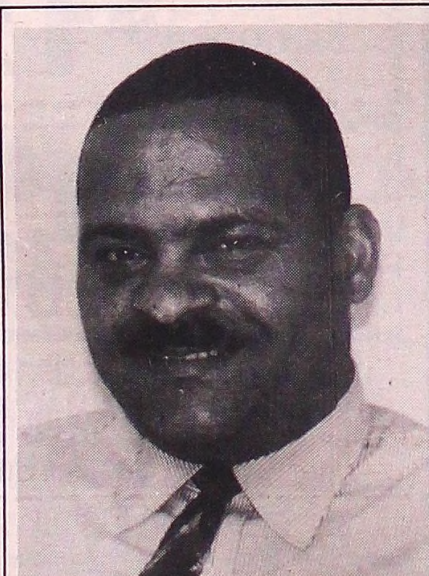
Sharon Silveri, Halecreek.



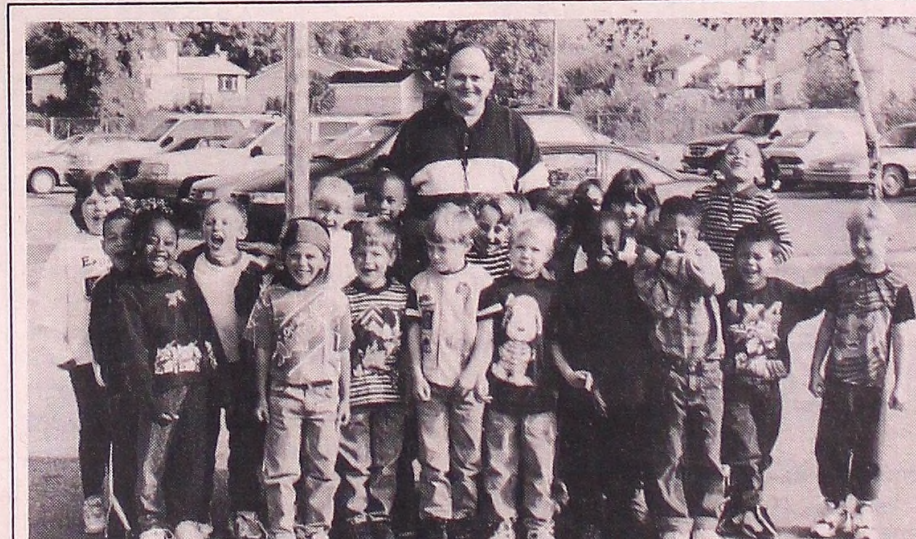
Ginger Ignasiak, Merriman.



Cathy Kudra, Halecreek (with student Anthony Torres).



Ron Mayfield, Merriman.



Bill Baum, Halecreek (with some of his students).

Pumpkin-decorating Projects Raise Money for Schools



Wick staff member Joann Bjork and parent Stephanie Wagle proudly show off their decorated pumpkins before the school raffle.

Take a group of artistic teachers, parents, and staff members, and ask them to use their creativity to decorate pumpkins for Halloween— then sell raffle tickets to win one of the pumpkins— and you have a fun-filled holiday activity that raises money for school projects. That is exactly what Merriman and Wick elementary schools did last week.

When Wick principal Debbie Juriga told Shellie Moore, the new principal at Merriman, about Wick's annual fund-raising event, Moore shared the idea with her staff, who agreed that they'd like to try a similar event.

"Honestly," said Moore, "even though I knew how artistic and talented my staff is, I had no idea that the raffle would prove to be so successful."

To emphasize the importance of reading, the staff members and parents who decorated pumpkins had to use an idea from a children's book. Principal Juriga believes that the book idea made the activity even more fun.

"Children love books," she explained, "and to create a pumpkin that looks like a character from a book makes them want to read more than ever."

More than 30 pumpkins (accompanied by the books on which they were based) were eventually raffled off, raising \$375.

"The children thought that this was a great idea," said Valerie Flournoy, Merriman's Parent Coordinator. "It was our way of celebrating Halloween and raising money for our Assertive Discipline program at the same time. I am sure that we will do it again next year, and we thank everyone who bought tickets or decorated a pumpkin." □

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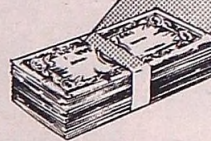
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eled to a combination apple orchard
and small-animal farm as part of their
celebration of Halloween and the au-
tumn season.

Kindergarten teacher Rosemary
Foster, one of the instructors who
planned the trip, explained its purpose.

"At this time of year, children are
very excited about apples and pump-
kins," said Foster. "Fortunately, the Ply-
mouth Orchard and Cider Mill has both,
and allows the children to pick their
own."

First-grade teacher Barbara Jaszcz
added, "The farm does a great job of
explaining how apples grow and what

happens to an orchard year-round. It's
a wonderful learning experience for the
children."

Students began their visit by stop-
ping at the petting zoo, then enjoyed an
informative tour – conducted by an or-
chard staff member – about the growing
and harvesting of apples. Next, the
youngsters took time out to eat the bag
lunches they brought from home, along
with cider and donuts provided by the
orchard. Finally, each child picked an
apple and selected a pumpkin to take
home as a souvenir.

"We had a wonderful time," said
first-grade teacher Ginny Smith, "and
we thank the many parents who joined
us for this great learning experience." □



Ms. Carter and Mr. Dawson, kindergarten parent volunteers, enjoyed an
educational field trip with students (from left) Alexander Carter, Britton
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Community Calendar

- **Chamber Seeks Nominations for "Person of the Year"** – The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for its 19th annual Romulus Person of the Year award. To qualify as a nominee, a person must have made a significant contribution to his/her community in one or more areas. The individual selected as Person of the Year will be honored at an awards banquet in March of 1999. Nomination forms can be obtained by calling 734-326-4290. Deadline for nominations is December 1.
- **Youtheatre Seeks Volunteers** – Youtheatre is currently seeking qualified individuals to fill volunteer positions at Music Hall. Successful applicants must enjoy working with children and be available to work weekdays. As a nonprofit arts organization, Youtheatre relies upon volunteers for ushers in the theatre and some clerical duties in their offices. If you are interested in applying for these positions, please contact Larry Loyer (313-962-4214) or check out the group's website (www.youtheatre.org).
- **HCT Presents *Side by Side, by Sondheim*** – The Huron Civic Theatre (located at 32044 Huron River Drive in New Boston, across from Michigan Memorial Cemetery) will present *Side by Side, by Sondheim* – directed by Nick Beasanski of Trenton, and produced by Dorothy Holdren of Rockwood – on the weekends of November 6–8 and November 13–15. Performances will be given at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays; 3 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$8 for students/senior citizens. For ticket information, please call the HCT Box Office (734-782-5380).
- **Mayor's Chair** – The next edition of *The Mayor's Chair* will air on cable channel 40 beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 12. Special guests will be Lieutenant Chuck Yockey of the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, as well as a representative of the Romulus Goodfellow organization. Those who would like to be present when the program is taped must be seated in the Council Chambers at Romulus City Hall no later than 6 p.m. Home viewers can call 734-942-7571, beginning at 6 p.m., to ask their questions of the Mayor and his guests.
- **PWP Hosts Dance/"Toys for Tots" Drive** – Downriver Chapter #369 of Parents Without Partners, Inc. (PWP), invites you to attend its "Let's Give Thanks" Dance/"Toys for Tots" Drive, which will be held at the Taylor Moose Hall (9981 South Telegraph, between Wick and Goddard roads) on Friday, November 13, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. (an orientation meeting for prospective members will precede the dance at 8 p.m.). Admission is \$5 for members or \$7 for nonmembers; donate one new, unwrapped toy for the Marine Corps to distribute to a needy child, and get \$1 off the price of admission. For more information, call 313-388-8488.
- **Special Events at St. Paul's Church** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at 19109 Craig Street, New Boston) will host the following special events during the month of November: **Fish Dinner** (Friday, November 13, from 4 to 7 p.m.; menu will feature deep-fried and baked fish, French fries, scalloped potatoes, and more; tickets are \$7 for ages 12 and up/\$5 for ages five to 11/free for children under five) and **Thanksgiving Services** (Wednesday, November 25, at 7 p.m., and Thursday, November 26, at 10 a.m.). For more information, call 734-753-9048.
- **Seasonal Craft Classes** – The Romulus Public Library invites Romulus residents to preregister for one or both of the following one-day craft programs: "Thanksgiving" Theme (Saturday, November 14 – kindergarten through second grade from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.; third through fifth grade from 11:15 a.m. to noon) and "Christmas" Theme/Tree Trim (Saturday, December 5 – open to all ages from 10 a.m. to noon). For more information, call 734-942-7589.
- **NHMCB Hosts Ushers' Anniversary Celebration** – Pastor Virgil Humes and the members of the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church (located at 5403 South Wayne Road in Wayne) cordially invite the public to attend their Ushers Anniversary Program, set for Sunday, November 15. The day will begin with an 8 a.m. worship service, followed by continental breakfast (9 a.m.), Sunday school (9:30 a.m.), and a second worship service (10:45 a.m.). For more information, call 734-728-2180.
- **Children's Book Week** – The Romulus Public Library reminds parents to mark Children's Book Week (November 16–22) on their calendars. For more information, contact the Library (734-942-7589).
- **Romulus Historical Society Meeting** – The Romulus Historical Society will hold its monthly meeting at the Romulus Historical Museum (11120 Hunt Street, near the Post Office) on Wednesday, November 18, at 7 p.m. The public is welcome.
- **TOPS Meetings** – TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter #M11690, Taylor – a nonprofit weight-loss support group – invites you to attend its weekly meetings, which are held at 7:05 p.m. each Thursday at Taylor Church of Nazarene, Eureka Road just west of Telegraph. Dues are \$20/year + \$1/week (first visit free).
- **Big, Beautiful People Welcome!** – The "More to Love" Social Club for Big, Beautiful People and their admirers welcomes you. Call 313-438-2720.

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Science Museum Comes to Cory



When the Ann Arbor Hands-on Science Museum came to Cory Elementary School on Friday, October 23, sixth-grade teacher, Mr. Smith (right), and sixth-grade student, Wayne Gilbert, were among more than 200 people who checked out the exhibits. Other highlights of the evening included drawings for two free tickets to the Museum in Ann Arbor (winners were: Rhonda Skinner, Jenny Schultz, Cody Barnes, Brittany Perry, and Danna Fennoy). Cory staffers want to extend a big thanks to everyone who volunteered or participated.

Wick Students Help Seniors

More than 40 students from Wick Elementary School participated in the Nationwide "Make a Difference Day" program on October 24 by volunteering to perform light yard-work tasks for 15 local senior citizens.

"We were thinking about school projects for the Student Council, and one of the members asked if they could help older people," said Council advisor Lisa Kerr. "Naturally, everyone liked the idea, so [fellow Student Council advisor] Jennifer Richard and I contacted the Romulus Housing Commission for the names of senior citizens who could use our help."

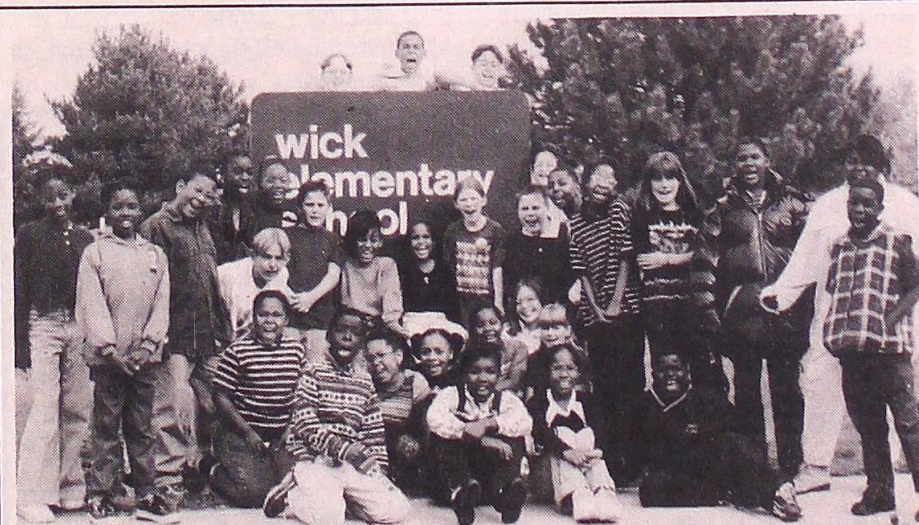
Under the direction of six supervisors, students set out early Saturday morning equipped with rakes, gloves, and litter bags – and a lot of enthusiasm.

Local resident Nettie Whitner was one of the senior citizens who benefited from the students' efforts.

"Those students were the best," she proclaimed. "They worked very hard, did not fool around, and they even cleaned up when they were finished. I greatly appreciate what they did, and I want to thank them very much."

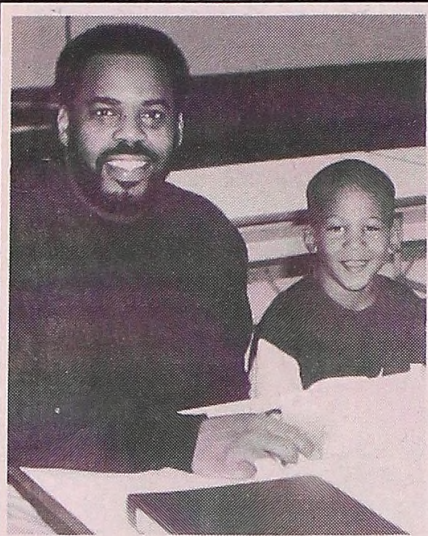
Said Wick Principal Debbie Juriga, who also participated in the project, "It was wonderful watching the dedication and intensity of our students. They really felt good about what they were doing, and the seniors appreciated their hard work. It is very satisfying when young people help their elders."

"It is a small payback for all that seniors have done for public education," she added. □



On "Make a Difference Day," these Wick Elementary School students volunteered to do light yard work at the homes of 15 senior citizens as a school/community project.

"Donuts for Dads" at Merriman



Merriman dad Michael Wilson and his second-grade son Corey enjoyed refreshments during the school's "Donuts for Dads" day.

More than 50 fathers visited Merriman Elementary School on Friday, October 30, to enjoy donuts, cider, and a visit with the teachers and Principal Shellie Moore. The event, sponsored by the school staff to promote paternal involvement, was a rousing success.

"I took a vacation day so that I could spend some time with my son at school," said Michael Wilson, father of second-grader Corey. "I think that it's a wonderful idea to have an activity like this. It's great to see so many fathers involved with their kids."

Principal Moore agreed: "We are encouraged by the turnout," she stated. "This demonstrates to others that dads are truly interested in the education of their children."

An activity for moms – tentatively titled "Muffins for Mothers" – has been planned for May, according to Moore.

Student Volunteers Recognized



(From left) Romulus Middle School student Patrick Webb and High School students Nikki Karr, Kelly Carrol, and Jennifer Harper were among 125 youths honored for their outstanding volunteer service to Romulus senior citizens. The awards ceremony took place at the Double Tree Hotel in Romulus.

Local Election Results

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- 13th Congressional District (incumbent Democrat Lynn Rivers garnered 3,968 votes against Republican challenger Tom Hickey's total of 1,378);
- State Representative, 22nd District (3,989 votes for incumbent Democrat Ray Basham; 1,190 for Republican Susan Lee Chmielewski);
- County Executive (incumbent Democrat Ed McNamara received 3,915 votes, while his Republican opponent, Ed Romanowski, got 1,355);
- County Commissioner, 11th District (Democrat John Sullivan, 3,673; Republican Melissa McLaughlin, 1,505);
- Proposal A – changing "handicapped" to "disabled" (yes – 3,217; no – 1,978);
- Proposal B – "suicide" (yes – 1,845; no – 3600); and

- Proposal C – "environment" (yes – 3,103; no – 2,098).
- Altogether, 5,862 ballots were cast. □

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REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 12, 1998

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, October 12, 1998 was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President Howard J. Kesner.

Roll call showed all members present. All administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Kesner.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

10/98/4 Moved by Lambert supported by Lenossi to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

10/98/5 Moved by Webb supported by Berlinn to approve the Minutes of September 28 and October 7, 1998, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Recognition of Staff

The Board of Education presented Crystal Apples and Clocks as tokens of their appreciation for the outstanding contribution that select staff members have made to the children of our school district.

Annual Report

The Annual Report for the Romulus Community Schools was presented to the Board of Education for their review. Mr. Art McPharlin also advertised for people in the community to attend this meeting if they wished to comment.

Personnel Actions

Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel recommendations for Board approval.

EMPLOYMENT: Jessica Hyre, Teacher, Halecreek 3rd Grade, Effective October 5, 1998, and Donna Allore, Teacher, Halecreek 2nd Grade, Effective October 12, 1998.

10/98/6 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lenossi to approve the employment of personnel as recommended by Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

RESIGNATIONS: Brian Fuss, Teacher, Wick Elementary School, Effective September 25, 1998, and Jason White, Assistant Coordinator, Community High School, Effective October 9, 1998.

10/98/7 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lenossi to approve the resignations as submitted by Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

10/98/8 Moved by Lambert supported by Lenossi that the Board of Education authorize the Director of Human Resources to execute a Separation Agreement for Ernestine Gray as discussed. Ayes: 6. Nays: 1 (Dick). Motion carried.

10/98/9 Moved by Webb supported by Lenossi that the Board of Education authorize the Director of Human Resources to execute a Separation Agreement for Ossilyn Woods as discussed. Ayes: 6. Nays: 1 (Dick). Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

10/98/10 Moved by Lambert supported by Dick to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Wick Parent Supporters/Playground Equipment

10/98/11 Moved by Woods supported by Lenossi that the Board approve the purchase of playground equipment and approve matching funds in the amount of \$7,500. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Disposal of Surplus Equipment – City/School Auction

10/98/12 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lenossi that the Board of Education declare the attached list of equipment surplus and authorize its sale at the upcoming City/School Auction. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Members of the audience voiced their concerns to members of the Board as they relate to the operation of the School District.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Finance Committee Minutes; 2) Summer Academic Adventure Camp; and 3) Mastering the Essentials – Barth, Halecreek, and Merriman.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Debbie Dick asked if the school administrators had input on bond issues. Mr. Dolan responded to her question.

Mrs. Eva Webb requested that she receive a report on the situation that was alluded to on the bus issue.

Mrs. Betty Lenossi complimented the Academic Adventure Camp program.

Executive Session – Negotiations

10/98/13 Moved by Webb supported by Lenossi that the Board convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:55 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 9:25 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

10/98/14 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lambert that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael D. Woods, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

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Tutor Helps Students Improve Weaknesses, Build Strengths

By Rikki Strobos

For many local residents, the Romulus school district's upcoming parent-teacher conferences will afford them their first in-depth look into their child's performance during this still-young school year. For those who come away from these conferences realizing that their child needs additional attention, tutor Nancy Baziuk says she can help.

"It's important to address academic problems as soon as possible so that students don't fall too far behind," explains Baziuk, who began tutoring children on an individual basis more than a year ago. "Most students have both strengths and weaknesses when it comes to learning. By working to improve their weaknesses, as well as build upon their strengths, students become more well-rounded in their abilities. That's a benefit that will pay off in the short term, as they face new challenges in the classroom, as well as in the long run, when they enter adulthood and begin competing in the work place."

Baziuk, who earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in education from Central Michigan University in 1979, spent more than four years in the Marysville school system, where she taught both elementary and secondary students in a traditional classroom setting and also coached some of the district's athletics programs. Later, as one of many young teachers forced into new careers due to job shortages, she began work in the field of sales and corporate management. Baziuk believes that her broad background - especially given her current involvement with the computer industry and other high-profile communications technologies - makes her uniquely qualified to help students develop their own skills in preparation for life and work in the twenty-first century.

"First of all," Baziuk said, "parents can rest assured that, because I have already become well acquainted with the educational philosophy of the Romulus Community Schools, I will be able to work closely with them, their child, and their child's teachers to build a satisfactory, professional relationship. Although I am not an employee of the school district, I have gained a great deal of insight into its goals and expectations through my involvement, as a private citizen, with the Romulus Compact Committee. Further, I have pursued training in 'mastery learning,' a concept that is endorsed and employed by teachers throughout the district."

"I also believe that my extensive background in athletics gives me an added dimension as an instructor," she continued. "Besides coaching sports at Marysville, I spent 16 years as an aquatic instructor with the Port Huron Recre-



Nancy Baziuk

ation Department, acted as the Physical Program Director for the Port Huron YMCA, and have competed extensively in tennis and other sports. These experiences have taught me that there are many parallels between academics and athletics. For instance, to succeed at either one, a person must understand the important role that practice plays in developing skills. I am often able to use such parallels to find additional, more successful ways of reaching out to and communicating with students, and that's always a big asset in teaching."

Although Baziuk's tutoring business focuses primarily on students from grades kindergarten through eight, she stresses the fact that her services can be valuable to students of any age - even adults seeking their GED. She believes that most parents will find her approach to teaching refreshingly "homegrown" - in other words, old-fashioned and down-to-earth. Because Baziuk feels that it is important for students to work in a comfortable atmosphere, she offers her clients the option of meeting in their own home, at the Romulus Public Library, or in her home-based office in Romulus. Private lessons are \$25 per hour; group rates are also available. For more information, call 810-405-9900. □

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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(Note: For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

Happy Birthday!

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors born in the month of November: Mary Dalen, Maxine Goachee, Suzanne Hale, Edith Millward, Lula Newsome, Irene Nowakowski, Norma Thompson, and Helen Zwalesky.

Legal Aid

Wayne County residents who are at least 60 years of age can receive free legal assistance in most civil matters at Legal Aid clinics to be held on the following dates:

- **Tuesday, November 10**
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- **Wednesday, November 18**
Dearborn Senior Center
5277 Calhoun
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313-943-2034
- **Tuesday, November 24**
Senior Citizens Activity Building
15218 Farmington Road
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734-466-2555
- **Thursday, December 3**
Sumpter Township Senior Center
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No appointment is necessary; seniors are seen on a first-come, first-served basis. Programs begin at 9:30 a.m., and continue until everyone who signed up by 10:30 a.m. has been seen.

For further information, please call 313-964-5310.

Crime Watch

It's an unfortunate fact that the advent of the holiday season also brings an increase in the number of drinking-and-driving incidents. Officer Joe Richardson of the Romulus Police Department will discuss tips to reduce these dangers at the Romulus Senior Center's next Crime Watch program, which will be held on Thursday, November 19, at 9 a.m.

As always, light refreshments will be served.

Thanksgiving Luncheon

In keeping with this month's holiday theme, the Romulus Senior Center's next luncheon – set for 1 p.m. on Friday, November 20 – will feature traditional Thanksgiving fare catered by Dee Buk. The event promises to be the perfect celebration in remembrance of all we have to be grateful for.

Cost is \$7.50. Sign up at the Center.

Weekly Programs


The Romulus Senior Center has a full schedule of weekly programs for senior citizens' enjoyment. Come in on your own or bring a friend for ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m.); exercise (Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m.); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); euchre (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); bingo (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); and pinochle (Thursdays at 1 p.m.).

Search Is on for Outstanding Worker

To celebrate the ongoing contributions and accomplishments of older workers, Green Thumb is soliciting nominations from Michigan businesses in its search for 1999's Outstanding Older Worker. To be eligible, a person must be age 65+, a Michigan resident, and employed 20 or more hours per week in an unsubsidized job for pay.

Nominations may be made by the worker's supervisors or coworkers. Simply provide a brief narrative (approximately 250 words) covering the older worker's overall contribution to the business, a description of new skills that the nominee has learned since beginning employment, any roadblocks that he/she has overcome in order to perform his/her job, and a description of other community involvement. Official nomination forms may be obtained by visiting the Michigan Green Thumb website (www.mi-greenthumb.org), phoning the group (517-772-5308), or writing to its State office (P.O. Box 465, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48804-0465). Entries may be faxed (517-773-1421) or mailed to the State office. Deadline for nominations is Friday, December 18, 1998, at 5 p.m. The winner will be announced in January, 1999.

In addition to enjoying special activities and recognition within the State, the winner and his/her employer will attend the National 1999 Prime Time Awards in Washington, D.C., in March 1999. Their visit will include an evening tour of the City's landmarks, meetings with Congressional representatives, a tour of the White House, and a gala awards dinner at the historical National Building Museum. □



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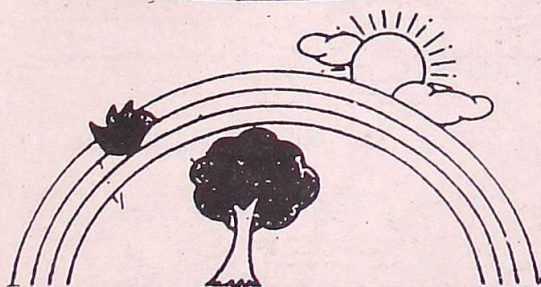
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The couple plan to exchange their vows at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus, MI) on June 19, 1999. Standing up with the groom will be Mike Hatfield, Steve Hatfield, David Terry, and Sean Dick. Attending the bride will be Beth Neiman, Angie Kay Terry, Linda Ryznar, and Kelly Abdo.

A reception will be held at Grafton Hall (Carlton, MI) immediately following the ceremony.

Gurniak/Day

Planning to marry on Sunday, November 22, 1998, are Gary Gurniak of Taylor, Michigan, and Linda Day of Romulus, Michigan.

The couple will exchange their vows in Miami, Florida, then enjoy a Caribbean-cruise honeymoon.

Happy Birthday

LeRodd Williams



Barbara Underwood and her grandson, LeRodd Williams.

Best wishes to LeRodd Williams, who celebrated his birthday with family and friends at the Crowne Plaza in Romulus on Sunday, November 1.

LeRodd is the son of Rodney and Trenice Williams (Romulus, MI), and the grandson of Tommie and Beverly Williams (Inkster, MI) and (the late) Joe and Barbara Underwood (Romulus, MI).

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Obituaries

Barbara (Tyitye) Mitchell

Barbara (Tyitye) Mitchell of Romulus, Michigan, died on Saturday, October 24, 1998. She was 98 years old.

A native of Hungary, Barbara was born on April 19, 1900.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Earl (Mary) Rickard; one son, John Mitchell; two grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Predeceasing her was her husband, Frank Mitchell.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, October 28, at St. Stephen Catholic Church (New Boston, MI), with Father Alexander Wytrwal officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI). Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

Olive C. (Lynch) White

Olive C. (Lynch) White of Romulus, Michigan, died on Wednesday, October 28, 1998, at the age of 83.

The native of Detroit, Michigan, was born on September 30, 1915.

Surviving Olive are two sons, Gilbert Jr. (Romulus, MI) and Jerry L. White (Alexandria, VA); two daughters, Ms. Merry White and Ms. Lois R. White (both of Romulus, MI); one brother, Raymond Lynch (Mening, NM); five sisters, Ms. Augusta Fenner (Prudenville, MI), Mrs. Gale (Mary) White (Peoria, AZ), Mrs. Fyles (Theresa) Craig (Onaway, MI), Ms. Esther Craig (Mesa, AZ), and Ms. Patricia Keller (Royal Oak, MI); 14 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Gilbert E. White, Sr., as well as two siblings, Thomas and Betty.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, October 31, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus, MI), with Father Richard Thomson officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI). Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

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